

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-****43****OFFERED BY MR. KILMER OF WASHINGTON**

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following:

**1 SEC. 283. NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall  
3 carry out a national demonstration project (in this section  
4 referred to as the “project”) allowing participating States  
5 (not to exceed 3) to provide categorical eligibility for cer-  
6 tain Federal programs to individuals enrolled in Statewide  
7 workforce investment activities with the goal of obtaining  
8 economic self-sufficiency.

9 (b) STATE PARTICIPATION.—To be eligible to partici-  
10 pate in the project, a State shall provide to the Secretary  
11 of Labor a plan to serve, through the local workforce de-  
12 velopment system, up to 5,000 individuals who—

13 (1) satisfy all relevant eligibility requirements  
14 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
15 Act;

16 (2) have household income under 200% of the  
17 Federal poverty level; and

1           (3) have career plans to reach full economic  
2       self-sufficiency.

3       (c) CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL PRO-  
4       GRAMS.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor, in  
6       coordination with relevant Federal agencies as deter-  
7       mined by the Secretary, shall allow participating  
8       States to make individuals participating in the  
9       project categorically eligible for Federal employment,  
10      training, nutrition, housing, tuition assistance, child  
11      care, heating and energy, or health care assistance,  
12      as the Secretary may determine.

13          (2) EVALUATION.—The Secretary of Labor  
14      shall carry out an evaluation of the project that ad-  
15      dresses the general effectiveness of providing cat-  
16      egorical eligibility for certain Federal programs to  
17      participants in helping individuals reach economic  
18      self-sufficiency.

19          (3) REPORT.— The Secretary of Labor shall  
20      submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of  
21      the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
22      Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Sen-  
23      ate a report containing the results of the project and

- 1 recommendations on whether expansion of the
- 2 project to reach more participants is warranted.

